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Gloucester. — The Streets are more regular than those of Bristol, but there are none or very few good houses. The Cathedral is worthy of admiration; it was first begun by Osric, King of Northumberland — AD 680, whose figure on his tomb stone represents him with the Cathedral in his hand: it is very lofty, the top of the large window being 83 feet from the pavement; I never saw Gothic Architecture to greater advantage than in the ~~Cloysters~~ Quire, Choir & the Cloysters; it has many small chapels for the monks to perform Mass in, which were built by those happy few who were rich enough to save their souls; the Confessionary still remains, as well as many other places only useful to Papists: King Edward II was buried here, the tomb is decorated with a very fine figure of him in marble, and a most handsome shrine in free stone: they shewed me a curious figure carved in Oak of Robert, William the Conqueror's elder brother, about 600 years old, by a figure in painted stone of a Bishop, 204 years old, I perceived the fashion in respect to shoes was then exactly the same as now, viz: round at the toes, and made

to any street in Bath, it is on a steep hill on the road to Clifton. The Cathedral is not very grand; the foundation stone was laid in 1140 by Fitzharding, from whom the Berkley family have descended; there is a beautiful monument (by Bacon) to the memory of Mrs. Draper, with the allegorical figures of Benevolence and Genius. —

Clifton. — There are many excellent houses, and the situation is very high & commands a fine view: from the highest part, I was much pleased with the beautiful scenery round, — I saw the mountains in South Wales, — the mouth of the Severn, — Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & Somersetshire, — the City of Bristol &c, — the river Avon ran at the foot of a tremendous steep* Cliff on which I stood; — I afterwards walked to Bristol on that river's banks, where an artist would find an excellent subject for a Landscape. The stone with which this place abounds, many is much made use of in building, & looks well. —

* called St Laurence's Rock

K: John is buried here, — the tomb was opened 11 years since (and suspecting the body to have been in that place) when they found his robes, sandals, & sword sheath in preservation; Arthur son to Henry VII, has a beautiful Chapel round his tomb carved in free stone, — the work is very curious, — The Pulpit in the Quire is said to be cut of one piece of stone, the figures on it are well carved, — There are many modern monuments one to the memory of Bishop Hough by Roubiliac, and another to Mr Selby by Bacon Junr, are the best; — The Library contains [redacted] old and curious books, — I was shewn a Latin Bible printed in 1478; another M.S. in (circa) AD 1000; the first bible in English translated from the Vulgate MS. 1381; and a M. S. about 700 years old of the service of the Monastery; with the music for that part which was chanted, the notes of which are not understood, — all the Manuscripts are on Vellum, and as regular as the finest printing, and in high preservation. — The Town Hall is grander than any I ever saw before. — The stone bridge over the River Severn is well built. — A place called Egberts Tower is older than the Cathedral, and in good state. —

Droitwich. A shabby town, but has many considerable Salt Works. —

right and left. — The Manufactures are few & small, except that of the Pin-makers'.

Tewkesbury. It a large Town, where there are many Manufactories for hosiery; I was told 3.000 people are employed in them. — The Church is built in the Cathedral style, Edward, Henry VI son, was buried here, but I had not time to enquire in what part; there are many handsome shrines in it. —

Worcester. The principal Streets in this City are very good, and the whole is of great extent. It manufactures chiefly China, Gloves, and Carpets; I went through the whole of Chamberlain's China Manufactory, and was extremely delighted, although with the exactness of the workmen and the abilities of the artists, some of whom are very young. — The outside of the Cathedral is by no means elegant, the buttresses particularly make the building appear awkward, the inside is handsome, but inferior to that of Gloucester, the body is more striking than the Quire; the Cloysters are mean; the windows are new, & of the modern stained glass; the top of the Quire from the pavement is 63 feet; it was first begun by St Oswald about 800 years ago, who likewise founded a Poor-house, which is still carried on with very little alterations, from the first plan. —

— the dates on different parts are from 1532 &c, — the whole is in excellent preservation; — the Library Board was worth seeing, but could not be shewn to me, — it contains some curious manuscripts, and is paved with Mosaic work. — There is one small Manufactory for Cotton Thread. — A year since, there were about 150 French Officers here on their parole, there are now about 100. —

Liverpool. The style of building the houses, and the colour of the bricks, make this Town appear much like London. — The Town-hall and Exchange are very grand, they and many other buildings here are built of stone dug in the neighbourhood, which is at first soft, but hardens by being exposed to the air. — The Docks are many & spacious, — one in particular runs far in the Town which must be extremely convenient. — The Warehouses are an amazing height, some being 11 stories high. — The Lyceum and Athenæum are excellent Libraries & News-rooms, and managed very well. — It contains

Bromesgrove. Manufactures a kind of Linen, which I believe bears its name, and Serges Wool.

Birmingham. The population is about 80,000; the houses very mean; the Streets badly paved both for Carriages & foot Passengers. Almost all its inhabitants are manufacturers and workmen. All kinds of hard ware (except edged tools) — Buttons — Toys — Bad money &c &c are made here; about 30,000 of the inhabitants are at present employed in making fire arms for Government.

Litchfield Its appearance does not deserve the name of a City. The Cathedral is built of a dark red stone; it stands high; it was first built by Oswyn, King of Northumberland, AD 661, and in the reign of Henry I was pulled down (except the Library, Consistory Court, and Chapter-house, which now stand) and rebuilt by Bishop Clinton; there is nothing remarkable or handsome in it except the painted Glass which was brought from Lincoln Cathedral about 7 years ago, & 3 years since placed in the windows,

Manufactories in the Kingdom. — It is an irregular and dirty Town, without any handsome structures. — —

York. This large City shows its age in its buildings. — It has no manufactories, but perhaps it can boast of being famous for making children, for I never remarked so large a proportion of them in any other streets. — The river which runs through the middle of it, is broader than I supposed it to be. — The Cathedral is worthy of much admiration; there was one on its site built AD 627, which was burnt; that was built AD 1227, Archbishop Walter de Gray was the founder; its height from the pavement to the top of the body is 99 feet; the largest window is about 70 by 30 feet; from the pavement to the top of the central Tower are 198 feet; from the ground to the top of the central tower (outside) the height is 213 feet, to which place I ascended by 273 steps, and had a very extensive view of the country round which is very level; the windows are large & numerous, and almost all are of ancient painted glass, one large window five maiden

It has Tanyards, Breweries & Coperas.
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Manchester. Famous for extensive cotton manufactories. — The town has a good appearance, but can boast but of few handsome structures; the Exchange (newly built) is beautiful, but rather small; the Theatre is very well finished, & is light and elegant, — I understand it is very seldom well attended; the Concert-room is large & handsome, but the performances I thought indifferent. — A good pavement is wanted much both here & at Liverpool. — In this Town (including Salford & Thorpe) there are about 105,000 people.

Halifax. Is built of hard stone, as is also all its neighbourhood for many miles. — Woollen Cloth is made here. — The Town is by no means extensive.

Bradford Is built of same kind of stone as Halifax, and is much larger. — Many buildings (particularly the Manufactories) are very handsome. — It makes nothing I believe but Woollen Cloths.

Leeds Has the most extensive Woollen

Edward III 1344, — a Lady who died in

childbed of her 24th child aged only 38, — Archbishop de Goay, — and I believe all the succeeding Archbishops till the present time; 20 masons I was told have for many years back been in constant employ in repairing the different damaged places. — The Castle (County Goal) is very large and some parts very old; the Turnkey showed me every part except the cells; I did not like to dwell on the sight of the various instruments used by the murderers executed here, among them I was shown the Knife & fork with which the Rebels in 1745 were quartered, a rope which hanged a father "whom his own son o' life bereft", a hatchet with which a Wife killed her husband, a penknife with which a Mother killed her infant, & various other instruments of horrid murder, such as Razors, Pistols, Bludgeons, Knives, &c &c. — There are the ruins of an old Castle near the above. — The bars or gates to this City are very ancient & perfect, there are four in number.

Beverley. This is a clean & well built Town, of considerable length. — It has

about 85,000 inhabitants. A

Cloaded worked a pattern, & paid for the workmanship; - the carving in wood in the Quire is beautiful; the Screen is elegantly carved in stone, but not being exactly in the middle destroys in some measure the appearance of the building, it has 8 kings' statues on one side, and 7 on the other, from William I to Henry V & James I, ~~as~~ 14 were sculptured in Henry VI reign; the Chapter house is octagon form, & most curiously decorated with fanciful devices & small & large figures, - indeed every part of the Cathedral inside & outside is adorned in the same way, and are innumerable; the capitals of the pillars are elegantly carved in many places; there are no Cloisters; Ulpher a Saxon Prince presented the old Cathedral AD 704 with an ivory bugle horn mounted in silver which still remains in high preservation; there is a small library, but I was not allowed to see it; there are many Saxon remains; among the most remarkable tombs & monuments are the following, - to Archbishop Scroop beheaded in 1405, - 2 sons to Edward III 1340, - a bishop who died in

and good harbour. — The Butcher Mar-
=ket is very good. — There are many
Properties, & very extensive. —

Doncaster. The principal Street in
this Town appears to be above a mile in
length, and contains a number of very
handsome houses. — The surrounding
Scenery is delightful. — It is famous
for nothing but the Race. —

Sheffield. Resembles Birmingham
in appearance, and is equally badly
paved & irregular. — The Cutlery
made here is the best in the World, —
at least, — the steel for the Cutlery
is so; it is not probable that they
will soon be rivalled, as (it is said)
it owes its excellence to the peculiar
quality of the water and Coal in the
neighbourhood. —

Chesterfield. The spire to its Church
appears falling to the left, in whatever
direction you may look at it. — The
Town has a good market. —

about 85,000 St Ives Tanyards, Breweries & Coopers. inhabitants

a Minster, in the interior much resembling that of York; it was built AD 710. by Archbishop St John of York, but from want of repair became after many centuries in a ruinous state; at length some private person set an example to others by contributing to its support, and ever since it has been well taken care of; the Altar piece, the Screen, & the Pulpit & Pews in the body of the Minster, are modern; it measures from the pavement to the top on the inside 60 feet & from the foundation to the outside of the Tower 180 feet, from whence one has an excellent view of the surrounding Country, Hull & the Humber appear well from it; only Church service is performed in it, as it is only a Curacy; there are many antique monuments, most of them unknown, that of Earl Percy is tolerably preserved, above it is placed his helmet.

Hull. Is well built & clean; the streets are in general broad, regular, and well paved. There are two very large Docks

about 85,000 inhab. It has Foundries, Breweries & Potteries.

Derby. Is a clean Town, not very regular, has some handsome houses, and is built on each side the River. — There is an ancient Tower to the principal Church, but the inhabitants have built the Church part in modern architecture, which has a ridiculous effect. — The Infirmary is building on a grand & large scale of Derbyshire stone. — No County Town perhaps can boast of more variety of manufactures: the most extensive are those for Porcelain, Silk & Cotton Hosiery, & Calico & Cotton Stuffs and Tin Plates; there are likewise many Gold & Silversmiths, wholesale Watchmakers, Sculptors, and manufacturers of White Lead, and all kinds of paints. — The Shire is for the most part very hilly, & produces Coals, Iron, Lead, Alabaster, building Stone, and various Spa. —

Nottingham Manufactures Silk and Cotton Hosiery & Point net. — The population is about 32,000. — The Castle

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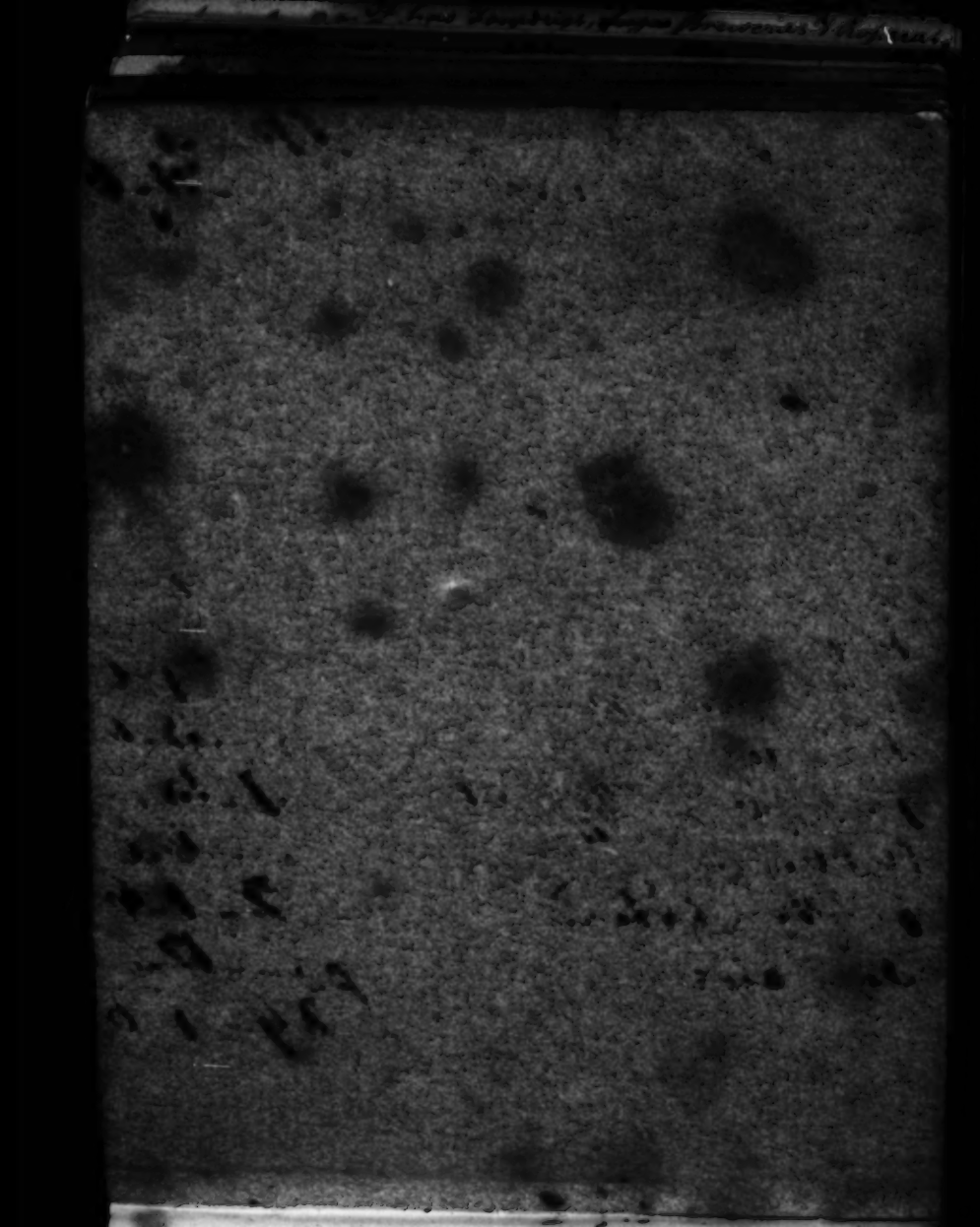

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